

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 18-22, 24, 25, 33, and 35-40 are pending in the present application. Claims 7, 10-17, 23, 26-32, and 34 are canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, and 33 are amended. Support for the amendments may be found on at least page 14, line 9, to page 16, line 2, of the present specification. Claims 35-40 are added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 8, 9, 18-22, 24, 25, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by *Kamper* (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,797). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kamper teaches an apparatus and method for server configuration using a removable storage device. More specifically, *Kamper* teaches a system in which a user may simply couple a removable storage device reader to a server and boot up the server. In the boot sequence, the server copies configuration information from the removable storage device without intervention from the user. See *Kamper*, col. 2, lines 2-27.

In contradistinction, the present invention determines whether previous installations exist on a storage device and prompts the user to select whether to clone a previous installation if one or more previous installations exist. If the user selects not to clone a previous installation, the present invention generates default values based on previous installations. *Kamper* does not teach or suggest prompting the user to select whether to clone a previous configuration responsive to previous configuration information being present on the storage device, generating default values based on the previous configuration information responsive to the user selecting to not clone the previous configuration, and performing a configuration for a device for use in a network based on the default values, as recited in claim 1.

Independent claims 18 and 33 recite subject matter addressed above with respect to claim 1 and are allowable for similar reasons. Since claims 2-6, 8, 9, 19-22, 24, and 25, as well as new claims 35-40, depend from claims 1, 18, and 33, the same distinctions between *Kamper* and the invention recited in claims 1, 18, and 33 apply for these claims.

Additionally, claims 2-6, 8, 9, 19-22, 24, 25, and 36-41 recite other additional combinations of features not suggested by the reference.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 9, 18-22, 24, 25, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

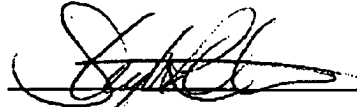
II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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